

## **District III Advisory Board Minutes**

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**7:00 p.m.**

**Colvin Neighborhood City Hall**

**2820 S. Roosevelt**

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 2820 S. Roosevelt. In attendance was the District III City Council member and seven (7) District Advisory Board members. Six (6) City staff were present and approximately (19) nineteen members of the public who signed in.

### **Members Present**

Matt Foley  
Phyllis Hall  
Charlotte Foster  
Laura Simpson  
John Kemp  
Jim Gulick  
Bill Ward

### **Members Absent**

Judy Dillard  
Phil Bloomquist  
Lois Ann Newman

### **Staff Present**

Vicki Mork  
Officer Long Nguyen  
Officer Virgil Miller  
Officer Dwain Diehl  
Paul Gunzelman  
Doug Kupper

### **Guests**

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Call to Order**

**Council Member Lambke** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for May 7, 2003 were approved with corrections noted. Motion made by Kemp (Gulick) passed 7-0.

**Action: Received and filed.**

## **Public Agenda**

1. **Paul Davis, 6417 Madison Ct., A Plus Parts & Salvage 2865 S. Broadway** reported that he had with Randy Sparkman, Supervisor Commercial Zoning; Lt. Duffy Doyle, Wichita Police Department; and Sharon Dickgrafe, Asst. City Attorney to discuss the issues he expressed at the previous DAB meeting concerning the proposed changes for licensing auto parts and salvage operations in Wichita. **Davis** stated he made recommendations regarding some of the proposed changes but in some instances he was told the issues were non-negotiable. He said he was received cordially by the city staff but did not feel like they had resolved all of the concerns of the salvage industry.

He concluded his remarks saying that since he was here a month earlier two chop shops had been busted by the police and both were in storage facilities not **CM Lambke** informed **Davis** that if he had additional concerns to let him know.

**Action taken: Receive information and file.**

2. **Jim Yancy, 847 S. Belmont**, made a presentation concerning "boom boxes". He said that frequently he is woken up from sleep because cars with such loud stereos drive by or park in nearby house drive ways. He wonders why the stereos can't be outlawed and the drivers ticketed. He said that when it happened recently he called the police but it took a long time for them to respond and he didn't understand that.

**Community Policing Officer Diehl** responded explaining that 911 wasn't run by WPD and they prioritize all incoming calls, noise calls are one of the lowest priorities. He suggested that Mr. Yancy make contact with the Community Police Officer for his beat and talk to him about the problem. **Yancy** made the point that the city was concerned about fire crackers but they were a concern for only a couple of weeks out of the year and loud boom boxes were going on every day.

**Officer Diehl** said he issued a loud car stereo ticket just yesterday. **CM Lambke** asked the Police Officers if they were paid when they went to court and they said they were. Then **CM Lambke** asked what happened when the officers went to court on loud stereo tickets and **Officer Diehl** said he lost the case in court because the judge asked him to repeat the song lyrics and he was unable to do that. However he encouraged Mr. Yancy to fill out a police complaint, **Community Policing Officer Long Nguyen** explained it was important to document the problem especially if it continues.

**Kemp** said he had a similar situation across the street from his house and he solved the problem by calling the police with a complaint and agreeing to be contacted by the police at his house. When the police arrived he met them at the door and pointed out the house with the offending noise and eventually the loud music stopped.

**Action taken: Receive information and file.**

### **Staff Presentation**

#### **3. Community Police Report**

**Community Policing Officer Nguyen** informed the audience that the Planeview Activity Camp for Kids (PACK) Program was scheduled to begin on June 23, 2003. This is the second year for the program, last year 70 kids were enrolled and this year they have expanded the program to accommodate 150 kids.

**Recommended Action: Receive and file.**

#### **4. Public Works**

**Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Engineer with Public Works** presented a follow up report after attending the May Longview Neighborhood Association meeting. At least 20-25 people showed up and discussed the proposal. Ten were against and 7 for it-2 others arrived at the meeting and voted against it. Tabulations of all responses including those prior to the NA meeting show 26 opposed and 16 in favor of proposed closure. Paul said he did follow up with EMS about the proposed closure. They said it would be inconvenient but they could work with it if they knew. **CM Lambke** asked traffic's position. **Gunzelman** said they didn't have one.

**Michael Brincefield, 4730 S. Ida** wondered if rumble strips or speed bumps could be utilized to discourage traffic. **Gunzelman** referred to a letter from Longview NA asking for stop signs or speed bumps but explained he's not a big fan of stop signs and says if warrants don't support placement, people ignore them.

In 1986 city policy last installed speed bumps and council decided there would be no more due to possible liability for car damage. There is a new proposal "speed tables" like a plateau for another neighborhood with CM Martz that will come before the council. A study in 1987 on speed bumps never went to the council.

**Compton Heggy, 532 S. Rosevelt** says the traffic is a real problem on Morris and he believes speed bumps are a good idea. **Judy Heggy** suggested a combination of a stop sign on one block and speed bumps on the next street. **Davis** asked about signage preventing through traffic-not a possibility.

**Kemp** said he had experience in a neighborhood with stop sign and it wasn't effective. **Foley** commented that it's obvious that the majority oppose closures and suggests Longview NA see what kind of support they can get for an alternative. **Jim Welch** stated he lived on that street for a long time and he disputed the figures that traffic has increased from 900 to 1400. He contends litter and loud car stereos are a traffic problem on Morris. He favors street closure as he doesn't believe more stop signs and speed bumps will be effective. Jim also says there are two factions in the Longview NA and there will always be more people that don't live along Morris than those who do.

**Action taken: Foley moved (Ward) that closure of Morris Street be denied because it reflects the position of the majority of responders. Motion passed (7-0)**

## 5. **Park and Recreation Department**

**Doug Kupper, Director** gave a brief review of Park and Rec's Summer of Discovery program. It is a great summer activity for the grade school age children of working parents, the cost is reasonable and there are lots of activities and field trips incorporated into the program. Interested parents should contact the Park and Recreation office nearest them for additional information and enrollment.

**Kupper** explained his purpose for attending DAB this evening was to review park development plans from the CIP Plan transforming the old YMCA site at Washington and Galena into Garvey Park. He went through the plan briefly saying it is a fluid plan and funding is available through the CIP in the neighborhood of \$300,000. He explained the philosophies that went into developing the plan thus far. He reminded the audience that a needs assessment study was done to solicit public input.

**Steve Perry**, landscape architect was introduced he showed several aerial photos of the site. He focused his remarks on the land west of the ballpark that abuts the Arkansas River. He also referred to the needs assessment study and said if all of the desired improvements were included in the area over \$1 million in funding would be needed but it's not available at this time. The priorities are the canoe launch, access to the river, rest rooms and a playground. He showed a plan saying he had gone thru several preliminary plans to get to this point. The challenge is to get people to the river and make it accessible to all including those with disabilities. A lot of earth work required to increase accessibility and raise up playground 7' that will also include landscaping, lighting and irrigation.

**Jody Bennett** said she had participated in the needs assessment and she wondered about including the sand feature. She also inquired if there were going to be any covered facilities for picnickers. **Kupper** responded that some of those features may be part of Phase 2 but they could add the features in and see how the bids would come in.

**Foster** asked if this was to be used at one's own risk. **Kupper** said it was like most of the other parks in Wichita. He explained a lockable gate would be installed across the parking lot that could be used if needed.

**Foley** asked about the distance of the portage to the river and was told it was about a quarter of a mile. **Perry** explained it saying it had to be laid out in such a fashion to keep the grade of the path within acceptable limits for handicapped persons and to stay within budget. If laid out in a more direct fashion the cost of moving earth would consume the whole budget. **Gulick** suggested connecting the playground to the riverbank for a more direct route.

**Kupper** said the available \$300,000 only begins the process, the CIP can be reviewed and he will see what can happen. He says he heard about the wishes tonight and would include the extra depending how the bids come in.

**Recommended Action: Receive and file.**

## 6. Public Works

**Paul Gunzelman** presented information regarding the 2001 Kansas Department of Transportation study of the Broadway corridor to the I-35 exit on 47<sup>th</sup> Street South. On April 9<sup>th</sup> a meeting was held with area stakeholders to discuss proposed improvements to increase traffic capacity, safety and reduce access points to 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Specifically modifications will add a through lane each direction on 47<sup>th</sup> St.; improve access to 47<sup>th</sup> St. from Emporia by placing a traffic signal there; free right turns on 3 corners; and modify access points on Broadway.

**Foley** asked what's happening on 47<sup>th</sup> Street currently he was informed the street was being resurfaced. **Gunzelman** said he thought there was no funding available for the project at this time. **Jody Bennett** said she and other neighborhood residents had asked for a pedestrian walkway for the 47<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over the Kansas Turnpike.

**Gunzelman** said businesses in the area are also in favor of the proposed plan for improvements and want a pedestrian walkway included. **Gulick** asked if this project would coordinate with the construction on Hydraulic. **Gunzelman** said that would not be possible as it would be at least 5 years before the plan is implemented and that he would forward the comments from tonight to the state DOT.

**Recommended Action: Receive and file.**

## Board Agenda

## 7. Updates, Issues and Reports

**Foster** gave Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant the address of a house that needs immediate attention on South Woodlawn. She also voiced her opposition against a proposed 165' cell tower, disguised as a flap pole, to be located nearby the dividing line of District II and III at Woodlawn and Kellogg.

**Foley** explained an organization he belongs to is rehabbing a property and a garden and he is asking for help entertaining the children. He is recruiting volunteers to work with the neighborhood girls. **Kemp** offered to help and said he would bring hot dogs.

**Ted Keuhn** announced the free lunch program is to begin June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hilltop Community Center; lunch will be served every day but Wednesday from 11:30 – 12:30. All the neighborhood children are welcome. No lunch is served on Wednesday as the Hilltop Urban Church provides a free lunch to anyone. **Jody Bennett** suggested that Matt contact the Extension Office for a Master Gardener to come out and work with the children.

**Hall** says she's having a cleanup at Roseberry and Cessna on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Skids will be available for a two-block area for the cleanup. Residents will be required to bring their trash to the site and place it in the skid.

**Kemp** says the K-15 Neighborhood Association cleanup will be held June 28<sup>th</sup>, it will cover Dunham, Jennings and other streets, help is being provided by the Community Policing Officer Long Nguyen, he's bringing work release guys from Corrections.

**Recommended Action: Address as appropriate, or receive and file.**

**8. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be July 2, 2003 at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**No Action Required**

**Adjournment**

**Motion made to adjourn by Gulick (Foley)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant  
District III

**Visitors**

Alta Montonye	658 S.Clifton
Karen Nuessen	646 S. Clifton
Loveta Phillips	650 S. Clifton
Lonny Wright	2320 Alameda
Glenda Yancey	847 S. Belmont
Jim Yancey	847 S. Belmont
Jody Bennett	1709 E. 48 <sup>th</sup> South
Paul E. Davis	6417 S. Madison Ct.
Joann Hartig	1756 S. Main
Delman & Barbara Cowel	3620 Longview
Judy & Compton Heggy	532 S. Roosevelt
Jim Welch	3421 E. Morris
Steve Perry	125 S. Washington
Mike Brincefield	4730 S. Ida
Erika Zacharias	807 S. Clifton
Mark Zacharia	807 S. Clifton
Bill Davis	1818 S. Main